

Beginners' Lesson 5 (Option B): Responder's New Suit Bids NZBridge

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 7 6
♥ 7
♦ A K 6 3 2
♣ K Q 4

♠ A J 9 3
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ J 5 4
♣ 10 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
All pass	1♠	Pass	1NT

Lead: ♥ Q

North opens longest suit, and South bids 1♥. North tries 1♠ and South finally bids 1NT with no fit.

The lead is the top of a sequence.

After winning the K♥ Declarer plays clubs, by playing a small club (♣ 2) towards the shorter hand first.

Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ K 5
♥ Q J 10 8 7 4
♦ A Q 4
♣ 7 4

♠ Q J 9 6 2
♥ A 5
♦ 10 7
♣ 8 6 5 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦
All pass	2♥	Pass	4♥

Lead: ♣ J

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Opener's rebid shows 5+ hearts and a minimum hand of 12-15 HCP. South now bids to game in hearts because they now know they have a fit.

Declarer plays 3 rounds of clubs first, discarding a small spade to avoid 2 spade losers. Then, Declarer draws trumps and plays diamonds.

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 10 9 5
♥ A K
♦ 9 6
♣ 10 7 5 4 2

♠ Q 4
♥ 10 9 8 6
♦ A Q J 7 5
♣ K J

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♥	All pass		Pass

Lead: ♠ 2

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West opens 1♦, their longest suit and supports East's new suit the lowest level. (showing 12-15 HCP).

East has no interest in game.

Declarer should draw trumps as soon as possible.

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ J 10 7 3
♥ J 8 6
♦ J 10 2
♣ Q 10 4

♠ 8 6 2
♥ K 10 5 4
♦ Q 5
♣ K 7 6 5

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	1♦	Pass
3NT	All pass	2NT	Pass

Lead: ♠ 5

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East has no support for hearts, so jumps to 2NT showing 18-19 HCP. West raises to 3NT with a minimum balanced hand (6-9).

Declarer plays on diamonds by leading to the ♦ Q first.

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ A K J 5
♥ A 8 7
♦ 10 9 6
♣ 7 4 2

♠ 10 6
♥ 9 6 4 2
♦ J 5 3 2
♣ 9 8 5

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	4♠
All pass			

Lead: ♥ K

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South opens 1♣, the lowest of their two 4-card suits. North bids 1♠. South is strong enough to raise to game.

Draw trumps and lead towards South's club suit, hoping East holds the ♣ K

Board 7
South Deals
Both Vul

♠ A J 9 3
♥ 10 6 4
♦ 3
♣ K 7 5 4 2

♠ K 10 5
♥ 7 5
♦ 9 8 7 5
♣ Q J 10 8

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All pass	3♦

Lead is ♣ Q.

South opens their longest suit and North bids 1♠ (4+ spades and 6+ HCP). **NB:** North must not bid 2♣ as this shows 10+HCP. South jumps to 3♦ to show 18-19 HCP with 5+ hearts and 4+ diamonds, so North can now bid to game in hearts.

Lead is ♣ Q.

Declarer draws trumps then plays on diamonds.

Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ K Q 9 2
♥ J 10
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ 6 3 2

♠ J 10
♥ A Q 8 5 4 2
♦ A J
♣ K Q 8

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

Lead: ♠ K

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West's jump to 3♥ for their second bid showing 6+ hearts and 16-17 HCP.

East has enough to raise to game with 8 HCP.

Declarer should draw trumps first.

Board 8
West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 5 3
♥ K 9 7 5
♦ 9 7
♣ Q J 5

♠ A 4
♥ J 8 3
♦ A Q 6 5
♣ A 9 4 2

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	All pass		

Lead: ♥ 5

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West opens 1♣ their lowest 4-card suit, then bids 1NT (15-17 HCP) as they do not have 4 spades.

East passes with a minimum hand.

When diamonds do not split 3-3, to make the contract, declarer now must play ♠ A then to the ♠ J to hopefully capture the ♠ Q.